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Methylcobalamin and Process For
Producing Same**

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Sir:

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Copies of documents **FP10** and **NPL16-NPL18** are submitted. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of U.S. patent, **US1**, cited on the attached IDS Form, PTO/SB/08A, is not submitted

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